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Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

A copy of the International Search Report from applicants' corresponding International patent application is enclosed.

Enclosed is a copy of U.S. Patent No. 4,231,477 (De Felice). The International Search Report cited De Felice as being particularly relevant by itself (Category X) regarding Claims 1, 2, 9, 12 and 14 of applicants' corresponding International patent application. The International Search Report cited De Felice as being particularly relevant when combined with another reference in the same category (Category Y) regarding Claims 3 to 5, 7, 10 and 13 of applicants' corresponding International patent application. As regards the Category X and Y statements, the International Search Report cited column 1, lines 36 to 53, of De Felice as being relevant to Claim 8 of applicants' corresponding International patent application.

Enclosed is a copy of German Published Patent Application 2919713 (German '713). The International Search Report cited German '713 as being

particularly relevant when combined with another reference in the same category (Category Y) regarding Claims 3 to 5, 7 and 13 of applicants' corresponding International patent application. The International Search Report cited page 9, lines 13 to 18, page 14, line 18, to page 16 line 19, and Figures 1 to 9 of German '713 as being relevant, and cited German '713 as being relevant to Claim 11 of applicants' corresponding International patent application. German '713 is discussed on page 1 of this application.

Enclosed is a copy of WO 96-25254 (WO '254). The International Search Report cited WO '254 as being particularly relevant when combined with another reference in the same category (Category Y), cited page 4, line 18 to page 5, line 14, and Figures 1 to 3 of WO '254 as being relevant, and cited WO '254 as being relevant to Claim 10 of applicants' corresponding International patent application.

Enclosed is a copy of U.S. Patent No. 5,356,010 (Weinstein). The International Search Report cited Weinstein as being general background art (Category A), cited column 3, line 11, to column 5, line 2, and Figures 1 to 7 of Weinstein as being relevant, and cited Weinstein as being relevant to Claim 1 of applicants' corresponding International patent application.

Enclosed is a copy of U.S. Patent No. 5,853, 101 that the International Search Report states corresponds to Weinstein.

Enclosed is a copy of U.S. Patent No. 5,431,283, that the International Search Report states corresponds to Weinstein.

Enclosed is a copy of U.S. Patent No. 4,384,649 (Brodsky). The International Search Report cited Brodsky as being general background art

(Category A), cited column 2, line 42, to column 3, line 12, and Figures 1 to 9 of Brodsky as being relevant, and cited Brodsky as being relevant to Claim 1 of applicants' corresponding International patent application.

Enclosed is a copy of German Published Patent Application 4104811 (German '811). The International Search Report cited German '811 as being general background art (Category A), cited column 1, lines 11 to 22, and Figures A and B of German '811 as being relevant, and cited German '811 as being relevant to Claim 6 of applicants' corresponding International patent application.

A list of the above-mentioned references is enclosed.

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